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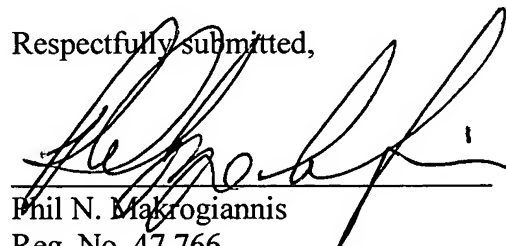
Claims 1-22 are pending. Applicants provisionally elect Group I with claims 1-14 and 19-22. This election is without traverse. Further, based on Examiner's request that Applicants specifically point out which figure among 2B, 2C, 3A, and 3B illustrates the present invention, Applicants elect the species in Figure 3B. Please note that Figure 3B is the only figure of those identified by Examiner that illustrates fluorometry with an "optical device" as defined in the present invention. Consideration of the pending claims is requested.

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